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SENATOR RANDY RICHARDVILLE
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MINUTES

The Senate Government Operations Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, in the Boji Tower, Senate Hearing Room.

Senator Richardville called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

The clerk recorded Attendance:

Present: Senators Richardville (C), Meekhof, and Whitmer

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Richardville requested a motion to adopt the minutes from the July 17, 2013 committee meeting. Senator Meekhof supported the motion.

Yeas: Richardville, Meekhof, and Whitmer

Nays: None

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hildenbrand arrived in committee at 12:02 p.m.

Senator Hunter arrived in committee at 12:08 p.m.

Senator Richardville announced that the committee would be discussing HB 4714 S-7 in today's meeting. Senator Richardville also thanked Senator Roger Kahn and the members of the bi-partisan Healthy Michigan Workgroup for their efforts in putting together the language included in the S-7 version of HB 4714.

Senator Richardville called on Steve Angelotti, from the Senate Fiscal Agency, to give a summary of HB 4714 and the key differences between the House-passed version and the S-7 currently before the committee.

Senator Richardville next called on Director Jim Haveman from the MI Department of Community Health to give remarks on the S-7 for HB 4714. Director Haveman expressed the Department's support for the substitute language. After testifying, Director Haveman answered questions from the committee members.

Senator Richardville invited Representative Mike Shirkey to give remarks on the S-7 for HB 4714. Representative Shirkey stated his support for the current substitute and answered questions from the committee members.

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Senator Richardville invited the following individuals to address the committee as a group:

Rick Murdock (MI Association of Health Plans)
Dave Finkbeiner (MI Hospital Association)
Wendy Block (MI Chamber of Commerce)
Rob Fowler (Small Business Association of MI)
Mark Cook (Blue Cross Blue Shield of MI)

The aforementioned group testified in support of the S-7 for HB 4714. After testifying, the group answered questions from committee members.

Senator Richardville announced the committee would take a brief recess and begin again promptly at 2:00 p.m.

Senator Richardville called the committee to order at 2:00 pm.

The clerk recorded Attendance:

Present: Senators Richardville (C), Hildenbrand, Meekhof, Whitmer, and Hunter

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Richardville announced that the committee would begin hearing testimony from those individuals who submitted cards during the July 3 hearing but were not able to testify due to time. The following individuals testified regarding their positions on HB 4714 S-7 during today's hearing:

Mr. Doug Paterson, representing the MI Primary Care Association—**SUPPORT**
Dr. Tina Tanner, representing Michigan Academy of Family Physicians—**SUPPORT**
Lisa Cooper & Melissa Seifert, representing AARP Michigan—**SUPPORT**
Gilda Jacobs, representing Michigan League for Public Policy—**SUPPORT**
Marjorie Mitchell, citizen, Farmington, MI—**SUPPORT**
Tina Dupont, citizen, Rockford, MI—**OPPOSED**
Sharon Rubingh, citizen, Lansing, MI—**OPPOSED**
Kenneth Thompson, citizen, Ronald Township, MI—**OPPOSED**
Connie Glave, citizen, Freeland, MI—**SUPPORT**
Chris Rodriguez, representing Michigan Protection & Advocacy Services—**SUPPORT**
David Dudenhoefer, representing Michigan Campaign for Liberty—**OPPOSED**
Brett Williams, representing Michigan Consumers for Healthcare—**SUPPORT**
Randy Block, representing Michigan UU (Unitarian Universalist) Social Justice Network—**SUPPORT**
Jane Wilson, representing CCA (Conservative Constitutional Americans)—**OPPOSED**
Brett Jackson, representing Economic Alliance for Michigan—**SUPPORT**

Senator Richardville announced that anyone who did not have the opportunity to speak during today's committee would be able to at the next committee hearing. Senator Richardville announced that the committee would meet next on July 31, 2013.

Being no further business before the Committee, Senator Richardville adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:26 p.m.

(An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request to the committee clerk for a minimal fee.)

31 July 2013
Date approved by Committee